

# **EITI Albania**

Work Plan 2018 - 2019

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#### **Cover note**

This document represents EITI Albania Work-plan for the period 2018 - 2019.

In this document, EITI Albania and the Albanian MSG have put down the objectives and have also identified the objectives that have been fulfilled so far and we want to fulfil during 2018 - 2019.

The natural flow of the Albanian EITI process requires us to upgrade from the "start-storming" phase to the "Advanced performing" EITI phase. Therefore we will focus and invest in those activities that will enable EITI processes to be rhythmic and sustainable.

For reader reference:

The EITI standard is here: https://eiti.org/,

The requirement 1.5 Work plan is here: https://eiti.org/document/standard#r1-5

The national program and the GoA priorities are listed in the: https://kryeministria.al/files/PROGRAMI.pdf

Beneficial Ownership: https://eiti.org/beneficial-ownership Commodity Trading: https://eiti.org/commodity-trading



Validation: https://eiti.org/sites/default/files/documents/2018-11 validation of albania.pdf

The following, are those national priorities that will be resonating as objectives in our working plan, in the effort to maximise the EITI process in the country and influence the Albanian journey towards "Sustainable and inclusive growth" main GoA objective!<sup>1</sup>

- 1. Fight against corruption.
- 2. Natural Resource Governance
- 3. Open Data
- 4. Preparation of a legal package for Transparency in Extractive Industry and the Beneficial Owners of companies operating in the Extractive Industry and Electro Energy sector.<sup>2</sup>
- 5. Transparency in Commodity Trading from SOEs<sup>3</sup>
- 6. Identification of the impact of extractive industries, the contribution to economic growth, the employment and the social aspect in Albania.
- 7. The Impact of Extractive Industries in the Environment.
- 8. Addressing and working on corrective action deadlines arising from the Validation Process and the EITI Board Decision on Albania.<sup>4</sup>
- 9. Support to Civil society.

Below, you will find a short rationale on the relation between our EITI agenda objectives and our national priorities.

### 1. Fight against corruption

GoA approach on anticorruption shall reach out in three directions: prevention, awareness and punishment.

<sup>1</sup> https://kryeministria.al/files/PROGRAMI.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://eiti.org/beneficial-ownership

<sup>3</sup> https://eiti.org/commodity-trading

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://eiti.org/sites/default/files/documents/2018-11\_validation\_of\_albania.pdf



#### How shall we influence this national agenda with our EITI activities?

We plan to do it through "reforming national legal framework for better management of natural resources". Based on the findings and the neuralgias that we have identified during the preparation of our EITI reports we need to work with our legal framework to enable a normal flow of the reporting process. During 2018 and 2019 EITI Albania will work approve to approve and implement legal and regulative changes suggested by the "legal review" and agreed with stakeholders. Implement legal changes that will enable and regulate release, publication and open data per each government agency dealing with natural resource governance.

#### Which is our EITI Objective with regard to the Awareness part of the Anticorruption agenda?

- 1.1 MSG empowerment through broader participation of stakeholders and customized capacity building;
- **1.2** Increase public participation and stakeholder engagement in the management of natural resources. Awareness Raising and Outreach activities with a special focus on customized communication for our stakeholders that will aim to create a platform for professional debate; we have identified several partners in our EITI processes such as students, academia, legislators, analysts, parliamentarians etc. They should be part of the EITI processes and each communication should be tailored according to their specifics.

#### 2. Natural Resource Governance

- 2.1 Oil In this sector will be aimed at the reporting of Beneficial Owners by oil companies and the reporting by Albpetrol of Commodity Trading.
- 2.2 Mining Industry - It will be aimed at the inclusiveness of this sector in EITI reporting and timely and qualitative reporting.
- 2.3 In the Electro- Energetic sector It will be aimed at the inclusiveness of this sector in EITI reporting and legal regulation of the reporting.

The Albanian Government is aiming at the further development of the Electric Power and Extractive Industries sectors, transforming it into a financially sustainable, operationally and technically viable sector. It has listed the good governance of the natural resources as part of its strategic priorities in the chapter of Sustainable and inclusive growth.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://kryeministria.al/files/PROGRAMI.pdf



Within the framework of the GoA Program and also within our priorities in 2018-2019, in addition to the focus on the Mining and Oil Sector which is being fully covered by the EITI initiative and the EITI reports, there is a particular focus on the production of Electric Power that has been introduced as innovation for the first time by Albania in EITI reporting.

#### Which is Our EITI Objective with regard to Natural Resource Governance National Agenda?

- 2.1 The centre of our activities and in compliance with the EITI standard will be the Production and Publication of EITI reports in the year + 1 format. The improvement of each consecutive EITI report will be our core objective.
- 2.2 With the successful inclusion in our 2013 + 2014 EITI reports of the hydrology sector, the EITI reports in the following year will continue to contain full report on our water resource usage.
- 2.3 Important aspects that complement Natural Resource Governance will be in our agenda, such as the Local Content and Environment issues.

### 3. Open Data

During the establishment of its government in September 2013, Mr. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania, declared among other things, open and transparent governance as one of the key priorities of the national agenda for "creating a fair society".

On 18.2.2015 the Council of Ministers approved the decision no. 147: "Approval of the Document on the Open Data Policy and establishment of the Open Data portal."

Based on these priorities and with increasing demands from the public for transparent and accountable governance, Albania is going through very significant and massive transformations in regard to its Digital Agenda for 2015-2020 on E-governance and Information Society strategy and as part of its OGP commitments on "Open Data"<sup>7.</sup>

Which is Our EITI Objective with regard Open Data in the National Agenda Priorities?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> http://mobile.ikub.al/LIGJE\_CATEGORY/PeR-MIRATIMIN-E-DOKUMENTIT-TePOLITIKAVE-PeR-IMPLEMENTIMIN-E-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA-PUBLIKE-DHE-KRIJIMIN-E-PORTALIT-Te-Te-DHeNAVE-Te-HAPURA--1508030128.aspx)

http://www.inovacioni.gov.al/files/pages\_files/Digital\_Agenda\_Strategy\_2015\_-\_2020.pdf).



3.1 In the framework of the Albanian Government priorities, include open data for EITI and Natural Resource governance, at the national priorities for open data government systems by default and work towards mainstreaming the creation of open data for EITI into government systems to ensure timeliness, data quality, reuse and cost effectiveness.

4. Preparation of a legal package for Transparency in Extractive Industry and the Beneficial Owners of companies operating in the Extractive Industry and Electro Energy sector.

The identity of the real owners – the 'beneficial owners' – of the companies that have obtained rights to extract oil, gas and minerals is often unknown, hidden by a chain of unaccountable corporate entities. This problem also affects other sectors and often helps to feed corruption and tax evasion and negatively affects communities living in the Extractive Industries Exploitation Zones.

By 2020, all EITI countries have to ensure that companies that apply for or hold a participating interest in an oil, gas or mining license or contract in their country disclose their beneficial owners.

The EITI Standard also requires public officials – also known as Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) to be transparent about their ownership in oil, gas and mining companies.

This information will be publicly available and will be published in EITI Reports and/or public registries.<sup>8</sup>

### Which is our EITI Objective with regard to Beneficial Ownership in the National Agenda Priorities?

4.1 Creating a lawful basis with regard to Beneficial Ownership through the approval of the EITI Law or other possible legal adjustments. Meanwhile, voluntary reporting has begun in EITI's annual reporting.

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<sup>8</sup> https://eiti.org/beneficial-ownership



This is a completely new chapter for providing information on Beneficial Ownership that will require dedicated activities and resources to prepare public acceptance, extensive stakeholder consultations, changes and legal applications.

#### 5. Transparency in Commodity Trading from SOEs

One of the key objectives of the EITI is to shed light on the return that a country gets in exchange for its oil, gas and minerals.

In many resource-rich countries, payments by companies to the government for rights to extract resources happen in-kind, through physical transfers of oil, gas and minerals, rather than transfers of money. Physical revenues can also occur because the state or a state-owned enterprise (SOE) owns shares in a producing license.

The state or the SOE then sells these physical resources, often to trading companies or domestic refineries. In order for governments implementing the EITI to fully account for all revenues received from natural resources, it is therefore necessary to know how much revenue the state or SOE gets from the sales of these resources as well as whether these sale proceeds are transferred to the budget.<sup>9</sup>

### Which is our EITI Objective with regard to Commodity Trading efforts in the National Agenda Priorities?

5.1 EITI Albania has become part of a Pilot Project initiated by EITI International (EITI's targeted efforts on commodity trading), which will produce a report that will scan the entire current situation in this regard in our country. This Report is expected to shed light on the procedures and incomes that come from the trading of such resources in our country. Project implementation has started and within June 2018 is expected to be completed.

6. Identification of the impact of extractive industries, the contribution to economic growth, the employment and the social aspect in Albania.

<sup>9</sup> https://eiti.org/commodity-trading



In its program, the Government will further support the development of manufacturing and processing capacities in the mining industry and not just that, aiming to increase the exports of processed products and non-metallic products.

In addition to increase the employment and welfare for residents of extractive areas, this development will give a boost to the national economy as a whole and improve the country's trade balance.<sup>10</sup>

Which is our EITI Objective with regard to the identification of the impact of extractive industries, the contribution to economic growth, the employment and the social aspect in Albania in the National Agenda Priorities?

6.1 Taking into account the Government's priorities, but also the sensitivity of this issue at the national and international level, the aim is to carry out a study on the impact of extractive industries on the contribution to economic growth, employment and the social aspect in Albania. Based on the findings of this study, will be determined the subsequent steps to be taken.

### 7. The Impact of Extractive Industries in the Environment.

In its program, the Government will further support the development of production and processing capacities in the mining industry and not only. Strict monitoring of the implementation of technical rules in mines and the development of industry in harmony with the environment will continue.<sup>11</sup>

Which is our EITI Objective with regard to the Impact of Extractive Industries in the Environment in the National Agenda Priorities?

7.1 Taking into account the Government's priorities, but also the sensitivity of this issue both nationally and internationally, the aim is to carry out a study on the impact of extractive industries in the environment in Albania.

Based on the findings of this study, will be determined the subsequent steps to be taken.

8. Addressing and working on corrective action deadlines arising from the Validation Process and the EITI Board Decision on Albania.

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Following the Validation Process that started and continued during 2017, on February 13, 2018, the EITI Board made agreed that Albania has made **Meaningful Progress** in implementing the EITI.

8 years of EITI implementation in Albania have led to a tangible impacts through and host communities greater awareness of their rights. Progress has been made in improving transparency and accountability to the extractive industries using the process to address local concerns, both through dissemination and outreach efforts by expanding the scope of EITI reporting to the Hydro-power sector.

Also, the Board has determined that Albania will have 12 months, i.e. until **13 February 2019** before a second Validation to carry out the corrective actions. <sup>12</sup>

Which is our EITI Objective with regard to addressing and working on Corrective Actions deadlines arising from the Validation Process and the EITI Board Decision on Albania in the National Agenda Priorities?

8.1 Immediate addressing, distribution and follow-up of the respective subject of corrective actions and their fulfilment within the deadline, in order that in the second validation that will be carried out in 2019 to have achieved the improvement of all components that serve as evaluation subject in the process.

### 9. Support to Civil society

On the Programmatic Chapter for Rule of Law and Democratization of Society, GoA considers its priorities the support of the Civil Society. GoA is convinced that by empowering the civil society we will have an important tool that will fill in the gap between the citizens and the institutions. Its objective is to promote the establishment of a healthy environment that encourages civil society independence, efficiency and sustainability.

Which is our EITI Objective with regard to Civil Society Agenda?

9.1 Promote the Creation of a Healthy Environment for supporting Civil Society independence, efficiency and sustainability in the Albanian EITI Process.

#### **EITI Albania Team**

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 $<sup>^{12}\</sup> https://eiti.org/sites/default/files/documents/2018-11\_validation\_of\_albania.pdf$ 



	Theme	Objective	Activity	Responsible Person/Institution	Timescale	Costs	Funds available		Status
							World Bank	State Budget	
1	Work plan 2018- 2019	Preparation of the work plan aligned with the EITI standard	Planning activities  Reorganization of activities including unimplemented activities of the work plan 2018.  MSG approval.  Presentation to the interested groups  Online publication in the official website of EITI Albania.	EITI Albania Secretariat MSG	Feb – Apr 2019	None			Ongoing
2	Annual activity report 2017	Preparation of the EITI Albania progress report for year 2017 in compliance with EITI standard	Description of EITI Albania activities during 2017. Analysis and evidencing of the Issues and obstacles that caused delay in meeting planned 2017 activities.	EITI Albania MSG	Jan – Feb 2019	None			Completed
	Annual activity report 2018	Preparation of the EITI Albania progress report for year 2018 in compliance with EITI standard	Description of EITI Albania activities during 2018. Analysis and evidencing of the Issues and obstacles that caused delay in meeting planned 2018 activities.	EITI Albania MSG	Feb – Jun 2019	None			On process
3	MSG	Reorganization of MSG	Confirmation of MSG members (Government/Companies/SOE)	MSG	Feb 2019	None			Completed
		MSG empowerment	Support for increasing the engagement of civil	Consultant/	Feb 2019 - Apr	Funding	\$37,000		Ongoing



			society in EITI processes	International Civil Society Association	2020	from SECO		
		Permanent Working Group	Establishment of the Working Group	MSG	20 Feb 2019	None		On process
		Стоир	Drafting the Action Plan to be followed for the corrective actions from the Validation process and the EITI Reports recommendations	MSG	1 March 2019			
			Follow up and address the corrective actions from the Validation process and the EITI Reports recommendations	MSG	Feb – Dec 2019			
4	Legal and Regulatory Review	Providing a stable legislation for the implementation of EITI in Albania	Approval of the new law on Transparency + complementary by laws and instructions proposed at the end of consulting process	MIE; MSG EITI Albania, Government	Dec 2019	None		Initiated approval process with MIE
5	Communication activities	Communication Activities for 2019	Communication and Outreach for 2019 (media outreach campaigns, internet and social media activities, awareness raising events)	EITI Albania Secretariat/ MSG/ Consultant	Apr 2019- Apr 2020	WB Grant	\$90,000	Not started
6	EITI Reports 2015 and 2016	EITI Standard requirement: Implement EITI report recommendations	Consultancy services to assist government agencies with the implementation of the recommendations from the EITI reports (EITI standart requirement)	EITI Albania/ Contractor	Apr – Sep 2019	WB Grant	\$10,000	Not started
7	EITI Report 2017	Drafting of TOR	Discussion and approval of MSG for the terms of reference referred to the EITI standards	EITI Albania MSG	Aug 2018	WB Grant	\$80,000	Completed
			Approval of the ToR from the World Bank	World Bank				On process
		Selection of	Selection of reporting subjects for EITI reports	EITI Albania				



		Independent Administrator	Publication of Expression of Interest for the Independent Administrator Tendering and selection process Signing of the contract with the Independent Administrator	EITI Albania				
		Publication of EITI Reports	Signing the contract with the Independent Administrator  Presentation to the wide public the results of EITI Reports	EITI Albania EITI Albania	Dec 2019			
8	EITI Validation 2016 / Second Validation 2019	Ref: EITI standard Participation in the validation process	Assistance, availability of requested materials in EITI validation process 2016	EITI International MSG EITI Albania	Apr 2017	None		Completed
		Implementing Corrective Actions	Addressing the Corrective Actions from the Validation Report and following the implementation of the recommendations	EITI International MSG EITI Albania	Mar 2018 – 13 Feb 2019			Completed
		Participation in the second validation process	Assistance, availability of requested materials in EITI validation process	EITI International MSG EITI Albania	13 Feb 2019			On process
9	Study of transparency about the usage of rent income and donations of extractive industry companies in local government (CSR)	Define of the mechanisms for the use of rent income by the local government	Meetings with leaders and organizational structures of the municipalities and the central government, with stakeholders regarding royalty, donations support and projects prepared for the community.  Study publication and recommendations for improvements	EITI Albania MSG	Jan - Jun 2019	None		On process



10	Surveys on EITI impact	Ref: ETI Standard,  Survey on the impact of EITI activity after the publication of EITI report 2016	Distribution and filling of questionnaires filled in: Bulqize, Patos, Fier, Selenice, Kukes, Librazhd, Perrenjas, Pogradec, Tirana.  Statistical analysis of the data obtained from the questionnaire  Publication of the analysis on the EITI impact	EITI Albania	Sep – Nov 2019	None		Not started
11	Capacity building	Training programs for the EITI Albania staff and MSG members	ASPA trainings; Communication Standards, Public Policy Development, Project Management, Public Procurements, ect. Training of MSG members, on the role of MSG, scope, power and ability to deliver progress and stakeholders on enhancing their role in the Extractive Industries. Training on the new Standard 2016 + Beneficial Ownership Disclosures	EITI Albania Secretariat MSG	2018-2019			Ongoing
		Tailored training for all stakeholders on Natural Resource Governance Aspects	Training of government employees, EITI staff + MSG representatives on all aspects of Natural Resource Governance issues such as Fiscal Package, Legal Framework, Local Content, Environment, Taxation, GIS and Cadastre systems, Arbitrage and international Contracts etc.	EITI Albania Secretariat/ Consultant	2018-2019	WB Grant	\$20,000	Ongoing
			Explore and define Complete Training Courses offered by reputational agencies on this regard such as universities, research agencies etc.	EITI Albania	2018-2019			
			Participation of stakeholders in international forums focused on BO disclosures + natural		2018-2019	WB Grant	\$30.000	Ongoing



			resource governance					
		Ongoing Support to the EITI Process	Consultancy for government institutions and companies operating in the extractive sector	IA + EITI Albania Secretariat	2018-2019	WB Grant	\$9.000	Ongoing
12	Additional projects	Study on the impact of extractive industries contribute to economic growth, employment and social impact in Albania	Setting objectives Drafting TOR Selection of consultant process Final Report	EITI Albania MSG/ Consultant	Apr – Dec 2019	WB Grant	\$30,000	Not Started
		Study on the Impact of the EI in Environment. Calculate the Impact of the Extractive Industries in the environment	Setting objectives Drafting TOR Selection of consultant process Final Report	EITI Albania /MSG/ Consultant	Apr – Dec 2019	WB Grant	\$30,000	Not Started
		Setting online Mining cadastre system	Setting objectives Drafting TOR for improvements in the cadastral system of mining and quarrying industry Build the online Licensees register	MIE/ EITI Albania/ AKBN/ Consultant	2019	Funding to be identified	\$100,000	Not Started
		EITI Information Centre of Extractive Industry (Activity proposed by Mr. Ilir Aliaj)	Implementation of data warehouse centre on extractive industries	EITI Albania /MSG/ Consultant	2019	Funding to be identified	Expected: Min \$92'400* Max \$270'720	Not started



13	Commodity Trading	Project on disclosed information on the state's in-kind revenues beyond what is currently disclosed in the EITI Report	Undertake a review of transparency gaps in the commodity trading value chain in consultation with EITI Albania, MSG and relevant government agencies;  Provide capacity building to the MSG and EITI Albania on commodity trading;  Produce a report on commodity trading to address the gaps identified.	EITI International  Deloitte Audit Albania  EITI Albania	15 Mar – 31 Dec 2018	EITI Internatio nal		Completed
14	Beneficial Ownership Disclosures activity portfolio	Ref EITI Standard; Identify need: Technical Assistance  Financial assistance  Capacity Building for stakeholders	Trainer/Coach/Moderator/Consensus Building Legal and Regulatory Framework Review(see item 4 Legal and Regulatory review)  Identify funding for the implementation of the roadmap and further funding for implementation of the beneficial ownership requirements on an ongoing basis  Capacity Building for MSG Coaching/Capacity Building for Government Entities Coaching/Capacity Building for Companies Exchange activities with other countries going through BO	EITI Albania /consultancy	Sep 2016 – Mar 2017  Dec 2016- Jan 2017  Oct 2017 – Dec 2019			Finished  Finished  Ongoing



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			Implement legal and regulative changes	Govt.Working group from MEF, MJ, MIE, Parliamentary commission/ Consultant				
		Data timeliness for BO  Data collection procedures and data accessibility	Review what would be the most appropriate time for data collection of beneficial ownership information  Identify an appropriate mechanism for companies to assure the data in the beneficial ownership declarations prior to data collection  Identify the companies that will be required to participate in beneficial ownership reporting  Identify the most efficient and sustainable data collection approach, including for example developing a beneficial ownership declaration form, or adaptation of the EITI's model  Increase data accessibility, for example by publication of data in electronic or other open data formats  Consider establishing a public beneficial ownership register, ideally integrated in existing corporate or extractive license holder registers	EITI Albania + MSG/ Consultant  Consultant/ EITI Albania	2019	WB Grant	\$90,000	Not started
15	Open Data	Ref EITI standard	Include and open data for EITI and Natural Resource governance, at the national priorities for open data government systems by default and work towards mainstreaming the creation of open data for EITI into government systems to	EITI Albania/ MIE/ Consultant	May – Dec 2019	WB Grant	\$70,000	Not started



		ensure timeliness, data quality, reuse and cost effectiveness.				
		\$529'000				
Expected Total for proposed activities						
		\$192'400				